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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Compartmentation

1. Mr. Amory has asked me to study the problem created by the numerous special clearances and compartments which have come into existence in the intelligence community.

2. He is concerned that intelligence may be slipping back into the pre-Pearl Harbor situation in which no responsible working-level intelligence officer has access to all of the information bearing on the world situation affecting the US. He advanced as one possible solution an interagency agreement which would establish quotas for all of the agencies concerned with national security for a limited number of top level working people who, upon certification of their parent agency, would automatically receive clearance for all categories of information and all compartmented problems.

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